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- 1. Abstract of Japanese Patent No. 08-208654 published August 13, 1996
- 2. Abstract of Japanese Patent No. 09-031061 published February 4, 1997
- 3. Abstract of WO96/04248 published February 15, 1996
- 4. Abstract of WO96/33974 published October 31, 1996
- 5. Abstract of WO97/11941 published April 3, 1997
- 6. European Patent Application No. EP 0 721 944 A1 published July 17, 1996
- 7. European Patent Application No. EP 0 795 548 A1 published September 9, 1997

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- 8. European Patent Application No. EP 0 826 671 A1 published March 4, 1998
- 9. U.S. Patent No. 5,021,443 issued June 4, 1991
- 10. U.S. Patent No. 5,124,336 issued June 23, 1992
- 11. U.S. Patent No. 5,128,339 issued July 7, 1992
- 12. U.S. Patent No. 5,691,335 issued November 25, 1997
- 13. U.S. Patent No. 5,814,631 issued September 29, 1998
- 14. U.S. Patent No. 5,948,785 issued September 7, 1999

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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